Wednesday, *the* *28th July 1943* / *12th Karkadagam 1118*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (A. F. W. DIXON ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur, (Commissioner of Police) and Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, and T. P. Poulose were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chalakkudi River—Bunding of *(cont.)*

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Regarding the Chalakkudi diversion scheme, there is a great apprehension in the minds of the people living on all sides of the river that as a result of this scheme there will be no water in the months of Meenam and Medam.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That apprehension is totally unfounded. It is not our intention to divert water from the Chalakkudi river during the dry season of the year. It is only meant for the cultivation of the Virippu and Mundakan crops. So there will be no deficiency in the quantity of water, which will be running out of the stream after the month of Dhanu or Makaram. No water is proposed to be diverted outside the anicut during the dry season.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* How many crops do you expect to raise?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Two crops—Virippu and Mundakan.

MODEL DEMONSTRATION FARMS—MAINTENANCE OF

12. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Will the Government be pleased to state whether Government will consider the advisability of maintaining a model demonstration farm in every agricultural centre ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Mintster for Rural Development):* This subject had come previously in the Advisory Committee meeting, and finally it was resolved that more demonstrations may be made in agricultural centres. The Agricultural Department is continuing such demonstrations in several agricultural centres.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I point out to the Minister that my question has not been answered. If I may make my point clear, the idea is to have demonstration farms in all agricultural centres under men who can advise by example and precept.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The answer is there. The question of opening more demonstration farms in Taluks in different centres was considered by the Advisory Board and it was decided to continue the present demonstrations. Demonstration farm means expert officers there to conduct these demonstrations. That will be duplicating the machinery. There is one central Farm at Ollukkara and another at Vyttila. To have demonstration farms like these at least on a miniature scale in the different taluks I think it will involve much additional expenditure.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Has the Hon'ble Minister tried to work out a scheme and calculated as to how much it will cost. I do not mean working of a 400 acre farm. I mean only a 10 acre farm.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The decision of the Advisory Board was otherwise.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Hon'ble Minister go into the question again ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Hon'ble Member is also a member of the Advisory Board. He can send up a resolution.

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